

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

FREE CONFERENCE

Call to Order: By **SEN. TOM BECK** , on April 16, 1999 at 2:30
P.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

SEN. TOM BECK, Chairman
REP. LILA TAYLOR, Chairman
SEN. CHARLES SWYSGOOD
SEN. MIKE HALLIGAN
REP. MATT MC CANN
REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pam Joehler, Legislative Services
Joanne Gunderson, Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 5, 4/16/1999
Executive Action: HB 5

FREE CONFERENCE HEARING ON HB 5**Opening by Chairman:**

Sen. Tom Beck called the meeting to order to consider amendments to HB 5.

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Discussion:

Rep. E. Bergsagel described what the first amendment being proposed would do. **EXHIBIT(frh83hb0005a01)**

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Motion: **Rep. Bergsagel** moved that **HB 5 BE AMENDED (Exhibit 1)**.

Discussion:

Sen. Mike Halligan asked for clarification and Department of Corrections Director Rick Day was asked if he was clear on the provisions of the amendment. He acknowledged that there would not be a change in how the department would use the funds.

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Pam Joehler, Legislative Services, clarified that the amendment as drafted was not specific for the Department of Corrections.

Rep. Bergsagel stated that the intent was specific to that department. **Pam Joehler** discussed with the committee what changes would be made to the amendment to conform to the committee's intent.

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Motion/Vote: **Sen. Swysgood** moved that the amendment to Page 1, line 19 and Page 8 insert a new section(Exhibit 1) to **HB 5 BE AMENDED to reflect the committee's intent. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Motion/Vote: **Sen. Swysgood** moved that the first amendment (Exhibit 1)to **HB 5 BE adopted. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Motion/Vote: **Rep. McCann** moved that **HB 5 BE AMENDED** on page 5, line 6 to strike \$6,050,000 and insert \$5,670,000 and page 5, line 7 to strike \$550,000 and insert \$170,000 and to strike reference to obligation bonds in HB 14 then insert "fund money"
Motion carried unanimously.

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Discussion:

Rep. E. Bergsagel introduced an amendment to insert \$50,000 on line 26 of page 7 after striking \$100,000. **EXHIBIT (frh83hb0005a03)**

Motion/Vote: **Rep. E. Bergsagel** moved that the amendment (Exhibit 3) to **HB 5 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously.

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Discussion:

Rep. McCann opened discussion on an amendment to HB 5 on page 3, to strike lines 11 through 13 and lines 26 and 27 in their entirety. These provisions in the bill referred to the Paxson Gallery and the Life Sciences building projects at the University of Montana in Missoula. **EXHIBIT (frh83hb0005a04)**

Sen. Beck asked for the reasoning behind the amendment.

Bob Frazier responded concerning the Paxson Gallery renovation and stated that no classrooms would be included but the intent was to house an extensive art collection.

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Rep. McCann questioned Mr. Frazier about the source of funds from applications for enrollment and whether they were presently available. Mr. Frazier said they were anticipated but not yet available but expected by the end of the year}.

Rep. Bergsagel asked how operation and maintenance would be funded. **Hugh Jesse** responded that he believed that 40% would come from state funds and 60% from student fees. **Rep. Bergsagel** voiced his concerns about continued building without assurance of funding for operation and maintenance in the future. **Jane Hamman, OBPP**, presented legislative intent for operations and management for various MUS buildings. **EXHIBIT (frh83hb0005a05)**

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Sen. Halligan gave his reasons for the Life and Science Building and the history behind the requests for funding of this project.

Rep. McCann declined to offer the amendment.

Motion/Vote: **Rep. E. Bergsagel** moved that **HB 5 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: **Rep. E. Bergsagel** moved that the Free Conference Committee Report on HB 5 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:50 P.M.

SEN. TOM BECK, Chairman

REP. LILA TAYLOR, Chairman

Joanne Gunderson, Secretary

EXHIBIT (frh83hb0005aad)